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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POST-QUITO LETTER TO DR. WILLIAMS

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

REF: STATE 255684

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO PERSONALIZE PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO GOTT FOREIGN MINISTER (AND PRIME MINISTER) DR. ERIC WILLIAMS CONTAINED REFTEL. ROUND ROBIN MESSAGE AS SENT AND WITHOUT AMENDMENT WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE IF RECEIVED BY WILLIAMS FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) MESSAGE REFERS TO REGRET NOT "TO BE WITH YOU IN QUITO," WHEREAS WILLIAMS WAS NOT IN QUITO BUT WAS ON VISITS TO US, CHINA, AND JAPAN AT THE TIME.

B) WILLIAMS IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES ON SECOND LEG VISIT THERE DURING CURRENT TRIP, NONE OF WHICH HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY ANY MESSAGE FROM SENIOR US OFFICIAL.

C) PRE-QUITO MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO WILLIAMS (STATE 241820) WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY AMEMBASSY TOKYO WHILE WILLIAMS WAS IN JAPAN, FAILED TO MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO WILLIAMS SOJOURN AND SPEECHES IN THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR THERETO.

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2. IN ORDER TO SERVE ITS DESIGNED PURPOSE OF PERSONALIZED CONTACT

AND FURTHERANCE OF IMPORTANT HIGH-LEVEL TIES, REQUEST PERMISSION TO REPLACE FIRST PARAGRAPH (A) OF TEXT OF MESSAGE IN REFTEL WITH FOLLOWING OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE:

QUOTE: AS YOU ONCE MORE PASS THROUGH THE UNITED STATES I REGRET TO FIND THAT AGAIN I AM TAKEN AWAY FOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD. NEVERTHELESS, I HOPE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO MEET TOGETHER AT YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO COME THIS WAY OR AT ANOTHER OCCASION SOON. LIKE YOU, OTHER FOREIGN TRAVEL COMMITMENTS REGRETTABLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE RECENT IMPORTANT MEETING IN QUITO. I DID MAINTAIN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE MEETING AND RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT UPON THEIR RETURN. I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FULL REPORTS FROM AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE. UNQUOTE. REMAINDER OF MESSAGE UNCHANGED.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT ARRANGE TO DELIVER PROMPTLY TO WILLIAMS WHILE HE IS STILL IN THE UNITED STATES IF POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT INFORMATION HERE ON THIS PORTION OF US VISIT, EXCEPT THAT WILLIAMS AND PARTY ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 19 FROM TOKYO AND WILL BE IN HOUSTON, DALLAS, ORLANDO, SARASOTA, AND MIAMI, BEFORE RETURNING TO TRINIDAD SOME TIME NEXT WEEK. PARTY'S EXACT LOCATION UNDOUBTEDLY CAN BE DETERMINED THROUGH US SECURITY DETAIL ACCOMPANYING PRIMINISTER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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